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CHILE: New troubles for President Allende are brewing over the arming of civilian government supporters.

Popular Unity (UP) members and extreme leftist groups are apparently opening their arsenals in order to enhance the effectiveness of their "self-defense" street brigades. The opposition parties have demanded that President Allende authorize the armed forces to disarm all civilian paramilitary units.

Knowledge that civilian supporters of the government are being armed is heightening widespread military concern over the political situation. [REDACTED]

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Allende does not appear to have authorized the arms distribution. He is probably looking for a non-violent solution that would avoid a clash with his supporters and still pacify the restless military.

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North Vietnam: A delegation headed by Party First Secretary Le Duan and Premier Pham Van Dong left Hanoi on 8 July for an official visit to Moscow. The North Vietnamese will take the occasion to thank the Soviet Union for its wartime support, and will also seek additional military and economic aid. []

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USSR-Cambodia: The Soviets are showing some signs of greater warmth toward Prince Sihanouk. Soviet ambassadors turned out for at least three of the airport welcomes during Sihanouk's recent extensive trip, a departure from the usual past practice of sending lower-level representatives. Nonetheless, the Soviets are still talking to the Lon Nol government. []

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Uganda: Ugandan authorities--with President Amin in command--are holding 112 Peace Corps volunteers in a hotel in Entebbe. Their plane was ordered to return to Entebbe after an earlier refueling stop. Amin has voiced suspicion that the volunteers are mercenaries on their way to engage in subversive activities in Burundi or Rwanda. []

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South Asia: The Pakistan National Assembly will meet today to discuss granting recognition to Bangladesh. President Bhutto reportedly will speak in favor of recognition and may ask for authority to do so whenever he decides it is in the national interest--presumably after agreement is reached on some of Pakistan's outstanding problems with India and Bangladesh. []

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West Germany - Poland: Warsaw has announced that West German Foreign Minister Scheel will visit Poland in the second half of October. The two sides will try to resolve some troublesome bilateral issues and may lay the groundwork for Polish party leader Gierek's repeatedly delayed trip to Bonn. [REDACTED]

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Italy: A four-party, center-left government headed by Christian Democrat Mariano Rumor has taken office in Italy. [REDACTED]

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